

**REMARKS - General**

By the above amendment, Applicants have amended the title to emphasize the novelty of the invention.

Also applicants have rewritten all claims to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the technical rejections and define the invention patentably over the prior art.


**Below is a comment from the inventor on how this invention differs from Crater:**

The Send/Receive functions are protocol-independent. They are translate into any protocol necessary by the interfacce between the controller layer and the network layer that is suggested neither by Crater nor by Stevens has been added to the claims.

**Conclusion**

For all of the above reasons, applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over prior art. Therefore the applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicit.

Respectfully submitted,



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